

SIDEWALK GUIDELINES

These guidelines supersede all previous guidelines, namely the ones adopted on April 29, 1991 and April 12, 1997.

No one shall remove an existing sidewalk in the City of New Haven without approval of the duly appointed Commissioner in charge of streets and sidewalks and the Public Works Director.

When a property owner chooses to replace an existing sidewalk that is not in disrepair, the owner and/or contractor shall be required to post a bond to insure replacement of the existing sidewalk. The amount of the bond shall be sufficient to cover the cost of the replacement. When the owner/contractor replaces the existing sidewalk to the City's requirements, the posted bond shall be refunded to the owner/contractor.

The amount of bond shall be determined by the duly appointed Commissioner in charge of streets and sidewalks and the public works director after consulting with concrete contractors. The amount shall be submitted to the City Clerk at City Hall. The bond shall be refunded in full upon inspection of the Public Works Inspector and/or the duly appointed Commissioner in charge of streets and sidewalks.

When a sidewalk is removed by an owner/contractor and is replaced with a driveway/sidewalk, the driveway/sidewalk must consist of concrete. For example, if the residence is to have a blacktopped driveway, the part that is used for a sidewalk must be concrete.

When a property owner has a sidewalk in disrepair and chooses to replace it, then the owner must receive permission from the duly appointed Commissioner and Public Works Director provided that sufficient funds are available in Municipal Aid Fund.

When a sidewalk is removed that is in disrepair, the City agrees to pay for the cost of the concrete, if the owner and/or contractor incurs all cost relating to removing and replacing the sidewalk to the City's specifications. The repaired sidewalk shall be inspected by Commissioner and Public Works Director before the City reimburses for cost of concrete.